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WEEKLY UPDATE

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BRIDGING THE LAKE

The light rail bridge over Town Lake is complete and ahead of schedule. Workers finished building the bridge and last week handed off the structure to contractors so they can begin laying track. The bridge features a programmable light system like one used at the MGM Grand Casino in Las Vegas and works like a choreographed light show at a music concert. At night, multi-colored lights will illuminate the bridge as Metro trains cross over the lake.



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ASU-TEMPE JOINT REVIEW COMMITTEE [JRC]

Arizona State University is in the planning stages of the next phase of their on campus housing called *South Campus Student Housing*. This Project will be a partnership with **American Campus Communities [ACC]**. ACC has developed the next generation of student housing for the campus to include a small neighborhood commercial center. This project will be the first to process through the Joint Review Committee. ASU has scheduled a neighborhood meeting for August 16 and will have public hearings before the JRC in September / October.

Joint Review Committee Members:

ASU Representatives	Tempe Representatives	Joint Representative
Wellington "Duke" Reiter	Jodi Beckley Liggett	Mark Thompson
Scott Cole	Doug McQueen	
Ray Jensen	Pen Johnson	

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CONGRATULATIONS JODI!

Jodi Martens, a member of the **Tempe Family Self Sufficiency Program**, won a \$1000 scholarship to support her efforts to earn an Associate's Degree of Occupational Studies at Southwest Institute of Healing Arts. The **Arizona Chapter of NAHRO** [National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials] offers three \$1,000 scholarships each year to people who reside in Section 8 or public housing and are enrolled in a certificate or a degree program at the undergraduate level.

Martens was working part-time in a call-center when she got divorced and needed to find a way to care for herself and her two children. She received assistance through the Tempe Housing Authority's Section 8 program and is a participant in the Tempe Family Self-Sufficiency Program. She plans to graduate with her degree, find full-time employment and become a homeowner.



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AFTER THE STORM

Last week's storm caused significant damage to park space around Tempe Town Lake. Most of this has been cleared away with the huge help of the Rio Salado parks maintenance crews. There was considerable damage to APS electrical poles which resulted in the closure of Curry Road. It took APS approximately five days to get everything back in working order.

Splash Playground is undergoing repairs on their rubberized surfaces and will be closed from Monday, August 7th thru Friday, August 11th. During that time, staff is taking the time to address some additional items such as drainage and clean-ups.



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